REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the applicant's amended claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-13 are requested.

Alternatively, with few amendments, it is submitted that claims 1-13 could easily be placed in a condition for allowance. The Applicant hereby requests that the Examiner establish informal communications with the Applicant's Attorney for the purposes of determining what form such amendments might take.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 3 is objected to because items (c) and (d) are not legible. Applicant proposes to correct this matter by later filing a formal FIG. 3 in which all the marking for this FIG. Will be legible.

Table 1 is objected to because it is not labeled as a FIG. or included within the specification. Applicant proposes to correct this matter by labeling the Table so that it becomes the application's new FIG. 4 and changing the numbering on what had been the old FIG. 4 so as to now make it the new FIG. 5. The consequent necessary changes to the specification also will be made to accommodate these changes.

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